

SENATE RESOLUTION 7025 of the First Extraordinary Session

By Pody

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend LaQuita V. Martin upon her receipt of the 2019 Enduring Advocate for Social Change Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is LaQuita V. Martin, who received the 2019 Enduring Advocate for Social Change Award from the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) during a ceremony held at NCJW's Washington Institute 2019 on April 8, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Enduring Advocate for Social Change Award recognizes the contributions of an NCJW member who has demonstrated leadership and has been instrumental in advancing social change in her community for more than ten years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Martin was recognized for her longtime, successful advocacy and mobilization work for social justice in Nashville and across the State; and

WHEREAS, LaQuita Martin is a Jew by choice, who chose Judaism because of its emphasis on Tikkun Olam, "repair the world"; she is committed to speaking for those who cannot speak for themselves and for the vulnerable in our society; and

WHEREAS, she works tirelessly to advance progress for the National Council of Jewish Women's three pillars of women, children and families, and health care; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Martin is known for her commitment to reaching across the aisle and working with elected officials of all political backgrounds; she has gained the respect of legislators through her balanced, bipartisan approach and has been recognized for her knowledge of the process, subject matter, and commitment to the cause; and

WHEREAS, LaQuita Martin epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, she is grateful for the love and support she shares with her husband, Dr. Richard A. Orland, and her son, Elijah David Martin Orland; and

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud LaQuita Martin for her dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and commend LaQuita V. Martin upon her receipt of the 2019 Enduring Advocate for Social Change Award and extend to her our best wishes for every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.